

RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY—FRESNO

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my alma mater, California State University at Fresno.

Fresno State recently was ranked number 25 this year on Washington Monthly's Top 30 Universities listed in America and yesterday earned the number one spot for graduation rate performance from U.S. News & World Report. This is indeed good news.

To use President Joseph Castro's words, the school secured places on these lists by "being bold." From conducting drought research to encouraging community service, offering Ph.D.'s, they have done an outstanding job of integrating campus life and student research to benefit the people of our valley, our State, and our Nation.

Additionally, nearly 70 percent of Fresno State's 25,000 students are the first in their family to attend a 4-year university.

President Castro and his staff have made it their mission to ensure that all valley students in the San Joaquin Valley of California have access to high quality, affordable university education.

As a proud Bulldog, it is an honor to congratulate Fresno State on these very well-deserved national recognitions. I thank the student body and the faculty for being bold and making a difference in our community, State, and Nation. As the red wave likes to chant: Go dogs.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S OVERTIME RULE

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, recently, President Obama's activist Department of Labor released its final rulemaking to revise overtime regulations. This rule doubles the overtime salary threshold to just over \$47,000 virtually overnight when it goes into effect on December 1.

Many Americans will soon realize they have fewer job prospects, less flexibility in the workplace, and less opportunity to move up the economic ladder. Those who least can afford it will be hit the hardest—small businesses, nonprofits, and educational institutions.

Augusta University, the second largest employer in my district, is just one example of the many organizations that is affected by this ill-advised rule. The school just announced it will have to switch about 800 employees from salary to hourly wages to comply with this new mandate resulting in a partial paycheck for them during this transition.

A university administrator stated that keeping the employees salaried is not an option and, while tearing up, said this move will be tough for the employees and their families. Even one employee went so far as to say: It is going to kill us.

We need to get the government out of the way to let Americans do what they do best—innovate, flourish, and create jobs for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING CHESSY PROUT

(Ms. KUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Chessy Prout, a courageous young woman who has shown tremendous bravery and resolve in the wake of a tragic and disturbing act that no one should ever have to face.

Chessy was sexually assaulted by an upperclassman at her boarding school when she was just 15 years old. Just last month, after lengthy and traumatic legal proceedings, Chessy came forward on national television to reclaim her identity and take back what was stolen from her. Chessy's willingness to publicly share her story will let other survivors know that they, too, can come out of the shadows and that they are not alone.

Speaking out against this painful ordeal Chessy went through took a huge amount of strength and courage. Like so many people, I am inspired by her actions, and I hope that they empower other survivors to come forward.

Sadly, Chessy's ordeal is not unique. One out of every six American women have been victims of sexual assault. While our country has made progress on this issue, survivors of sexual assault continue to face far too many obstacles in their pursuit of justice.

That is why I have cosponsored the Survivors' Bill of Rights Act, legislation that would codify important basic rights for sexual assault survivors. The House and Senate have passed this bill, and I urge the President to sign it into law.

Thanks to the courage of people like Chessy Prout, we have taken important steps to change the culture around sexual assault, and I know that together we can build on our progress.

HONORING INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ROXCY BOLTON

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roxcy Bolton, a true pioneer who, at the age of 90, is hailed as a champion of women's rights, as well she should be. It is because of Roxcy's efforts that our Nation gathers each year to celebrate Women's Equality Day.

As a brave and outspoken woman, Roxcy made waves on many issues, in-

cluding the creation of the first rape treatment center in the country located at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. This was at a time when people didn't even want to talk about rape. Roxcy also organized Florida's first crime watch to help curb crime against women.

Roxcy was in the front lines fighting on behalf of abused women and created the first women's rescue shelter in our State to provide services to women in crisis.

It was because of Roxcy's leadership that residents and visitors in south Florida can learn about the many contributions of women through the creation of The Women's Park of Miami-Dade County, which was correctly renamed after Roxcy Bolton.

Roxcy's vision will live on forever. She is an honored constituent, a voice of hope for all women, and I am proud to call her a friend.

GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, a sit-in on the House floor should not be necessary to get a vote on gun safety legislation overwhelmingly supported by the American people. That is what I had to do as a kid in the civil rights movement.

Why would I be driven and why would Democrats have to be driven to do that in this House?

Closing the loophole after Charleston and Orlando has become a virtual mandate. Orlando probably accounted for my success in keeping dangerous bills from coming to the floor this session to erase three D.C. gun laws that protect residents, Federal officials, and 20 million visitors alike.

Congress, close the loophole. Do your job.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF HAPPY VALLEY LAUNCHBOX

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, small businesses are, and have always been, a key to the economic success of our Nation. With that in mind, I want to recognize the importance of the Happy Valley LaunchBox, which was introduced last year as part of the Invent Penn State initiative.

As an alumni and longtime friend of the university, I am proud to consistently celebrate the unique accomplishments of the leadership, faculty, staff, and student body at Penn State.

Additionally, in my role as a senior member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, I often have the opportunity to highlight the importance of cutting-edge concepts—such as the Invent Penn State initiative—in strengthening the overall economy of our Nation.